Students react to $480 tuition fee

By The News Staff

Student reaction was mixed but predictable to the latest news from Queen's Park: few approved the 10 per cent tuition increase announced for September.

The Niagara News asked first-year students how they felt about the increase; while most objected, a few agreed that it was necessary.

The increase announced by Premier William Davis will bring Niagara College fees up to $440 annually ($480 including the registration fee), Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara president, said.

Miss Robarts, who said fees are based on the cost of living, said, "No one will be deprived of an education." The Ontario Student Assistant Program (OSAP) would be funded in accordance with student fees.

Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, doubted whether the increase would have much effect on enrolment. The 10 per cent increase in fees represents less than a one per cent increase over-all to the college, but "I'm sure in the eyes of the students it's more than enough."

Miss Robarts, who attended the meeting at which the premier's announcement was made, said that in 1979 it cost $3,800 per year per student at Niagara, and thus, two years later, $440 is in the 10 per cent range.

Mr. LaRose said if college costs go up but fees don't, the increase goes to the taxpayers.

He said the college has budgeted to take money out of the reserves this year, but hopes to put the money back eventually. The college "can't continue" to take money from the reserves.

Elaine Barrie, 21, second-year accounting: It's discouraging students from continuing. A lot of students aren't finishing their programs. I'm going to work to pay off the loans I already have.

ELAINE BARRIE

Jim Robinson, 19, general business: Next year I'll be self-supporting. The increase will mean I'll have to apply for loans and grants. I won't be able to go out very much. Books get more expensive each year.

Borys Melnychenko, 19, electrical engineering: I don't see why they have to have it. I think it's pretty stupid. The price of books should go down. That's four weeks of driving gas. Why can't SAC supplement our increases?

Nelle D'Epiro, 19, general business administration: I don't understand why it's going up. I've been paying tuition since I've been in Grade 9. I can see it going up $40 but not $80. I'd like to see where our money's going.

Laurie Crites, 18, general business: It's hard to get a government grant, so if I don't make enough in the summer, I'll have to quit school.

Vita Del Duca, 18, secretarial arts: It won't affect me too much.

Jo-Anne Domanico, 19, secretarial arts: I think it will affect us because it's only half a term for me, but that's a lot of money.

Bobbi Sue Bell, 18, general business: I think it's a rip-off. I can't get a job here because I have to go home on the weekends and pay rent, telephone and food, too.

Donna Lorimer, 21, first-year interior design: It's really inexpensive compared to other colleges.

Frances van der Hyden, second-year interior design: It doesn't surprise me, I expected it.

RON LIGHTFOOT

Ron Lightfoot, 22, first-year theatre arts: Actually I think it's alright. It's not going to affect me. It's kind of a waste for first-year's not to be coming back for the two-year course. I have full intent to come back.

Marcel Jean, 18, general college: It's still less expensive than moving to another college.

Sharon Yochim, 18, tourism: It's a rip. I'll be on work experience during the second-year.

Anthony Scricca, 19, general business: I don't think they should raise it because a lot of students pay for their own tuition and it's tough to pay for a whole year of school with four months work at minimum wage. Books are expensive, too, and tuition isn't our only expense.

Joe Bond, 24. second-year educational resource technician: Are you kidding? I think there should be a 10 per cent decrease. This school is on the high school level...it's Mickey Mouse.

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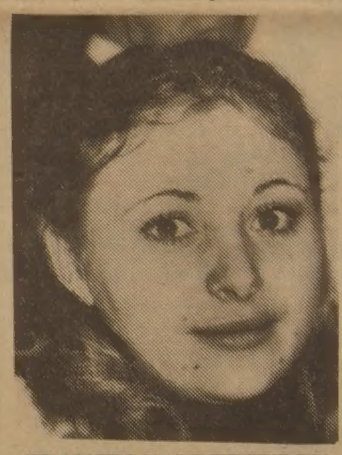

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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Establishes capital fund

A special capital fund will be established to upgrade equipment and facilities in the community colleges in the next five years, the provincial government announced on Tuesday.

This was one recommendation of a program, Building Ontario in the 1980's, unveiled by Ontario Premier William Davis.

The government will expand training in industry; Ontario will propose that mandatory measures be legislated by the federal government to require investment in training on a national basis.

"It is imperative, therefore, that in future all major employers institute appropriate training programs and undertake manpower planning on a long term base."

The province also intends to strengthen training incentives to businesses to encourage the development of co-operative training efforts by strategic industrial sectors and make better use of trained staff and training facilities, "including those already available within Ontario's colleges of applied arts and technology."

"Over the next five years, Ontario will share 50 per cent of the costs of these sectorally-based training programs," the report said.

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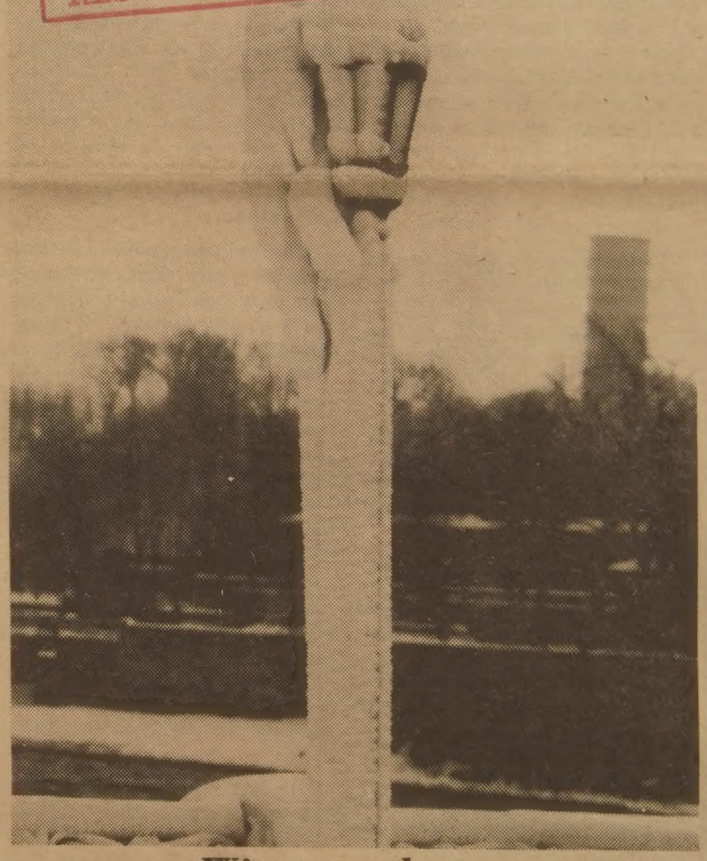

Winter sculpture

No, it's not the Panasonic tower in the middle of an ice age...It's a lonely lamppost that can be found at Table Rock, Niagara Falls. It has been fenced off from the tourists because it is in a danger zone along the Falls' edge. The mist from the Falls has clad it in its icy coat.

(Photo by Belyea)

Budget

NC may not get 10.1% increase

Niagara College will probably get less than the 10.1 per cent budget increase announced by Premier William Davis at the second annual meeting of Ontario's 22 community college presidents and chairmen, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Eighty per cent of Niagara College's budget is spent on salaries and the budget increase will be consumed totally by salaries, Miss Robarts said. "We are not any further ahead but we're not going backwards."

Due to funding distribution specific budget increases will not be known by community colleges until March 21.

Niagara College will probably get less than the 10.1 per cent increase because some colleges are over funded and some are under funded, Miss Robarts said after the meeting. Therefore, "some colleges get less than 10.1 per cent and some get more."

Today's the day... Who cares, really ?

By SURGE GROUNDHOG
Staff Prognosticator

What are all these people doing around the front of my house? I can't understand it. Every year on Feb. 2, their so-called Groundhog day, crowds of reporters, photographers, TV cameramen and onlookers gather around my house waiting for me to show my beautiful face.

Who do these people think they are to just come along and wake me out of my sleep with all their shouting and complaining and banging. It's enough to make a groundhog move to Florida for the winter.

Anyway, I'm not moving one inch from this burrow until everybody is packed up and gone home. Then maybe I'll get some peace and quiet around here.

And it's such a dull, overcast day outside. Why would anyone in his right mind leave the warmth and comfort of his own home to come and wait for me to show them my shadow?

"Well, let's go, looks as if he's not coming out this year."

At last, they're leaving. Maybe I'll venture a peek outside to see what damage they've done to my beautiful lawn. Look at the mess. Paper and used coffee cups and all types of garbage strewn over my landscape. How would they like it if a bunch of us groundhogs got together and went to watch the fronts of their houses every year, leaving our garbage over their lawns?

Well, seeing as I'm out here, I might as well wander around a bit. It's so dull I can't even see my shadow. Whatever significance that has to all those humans. At least there's consolation in the fact that spring is only a few days off. I wonder if all those people know that?

Cemeteries harbor botanical haven

By ROB ROY
Staff Writer

Picea, abies, pinus and tsuga are all around. Many people in the Niagara area probably see these or at least one during their busy week but it's likely that most never give a second thought to their presence.

These are botanic names given to various ornamental trees such as the picea or spruce. The trees were examined as part of a field study done by Niagara College first-year horticulture students at the Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, on Jan. 12.

"It is the only way to teach a class such as this," J. Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator of Horticulture Technology and field study instructor, said. Together with some 5,000 slides and the cuttings students take from each of the trees examined in the field, they are able to get professional knowledge of the specimens examined and put together her ideal collections. As part of their course they are responsible for knowing the name of each specimen, what it looks like, its characteristics and the diseases it is subject to.

Mr. Mansfield said the cemetery is a "textbook example" allowing students to examine ornamental trees in depth as compared to the other sites they visit where the trees are either kept in ideal condition or destroyed. Many of the trees in the cemetery are diseased because they have been planted in dry spots where to much sun gets at them when they should have the shade from other trees.

A change from one environment to another can alter the growth and development pattern of a tree such as Spruce which was an Alberta variety that had a different shape here than had it been planted in Alberta.

DISEASED TREES

It was found that some of the trees which were diseased were able to isolate this disease to a certain part of the tree and continue growth although deformities often were apparent in the diseased part. Some of these deformities depending on their nature and severity are accepted as characteristics which differentiate trees of the same origin into varities.

Some of the trees in the cemetery appeared to have been planted because of their fast growth rate but Mr. Mansfield said trees are like people; "We look darn good when we're young but get pretty tatty when we're old." The same was evident of some of the trees in cases where they were expected to look healthy at 60 years old but by 30 were looking haggard.

There are certain generalities which are important to the healthy growth of different species of trees, like the necessity of shade for evergreens.

Big Brothers Assoc. means friendship to needy boys

By KAREN RUNKA
Staff Writer

Envisage a little boy with patched knees and a sling shot dangling from his pocket. He walks down a long and winding road with no destination. He needs somebody to talk, play and laugh with. He needs a special friend.

The Big Brother Association in Welland provides fatherless boys between the ages of six and 17 with that special friend. To some boys it's the difference between wandering through life alone and afraid or being somebody who cares and understands them.

"Everybody needs someone to talk to and confide in," Mike Bauer, executive director of the Welland Big Brother Association, said. "The children's mothers try their best but it's hard enough just being a parent."

Special Friend

"The Big Brother Association tries to give fatherless boys what everybody needs, a special friend."

Big Brothers and Little Brothers not only share each other's company but also special interests and hobbies. The Big Brother gives of himself and of his time and receives one of the most rewarding experiences in his life, while the Little Brothers get a chance to become happy and adjusted people.

Big Brothers assume no legal or financial obligations to the boys. But as one of their pamphlets say, "sometimes it takes a man to help a boy but some boys need Big Brothers."

A Big Brother's qualifications included maturity, a stable personality, patience, reliability, over 18 years old and an interest in working with young boys on a one-to-one basis," Mr. Bauer said.

They are screened by the agency, must provide three character references, are interviewed twice and get a police check.

In the Welland area alone there are 54 boys waiting to be assigned a Big Brother. "The list is growing every month," Mr. Bauer said.

However, the association does try to be careful. Even though "we need Big Brothers badly, we don't take a gamble on anybody. We have to be just about 100 per cent sure."

"There are specific goals in mind when matching a man to a boy. We try to see how the Big Brother can assist the Little Brother achieve his potential."

Little Brothers are not juvenile delinquents nor are they suffering serious emotional problems. The purpose of Big Brothers is a preventive program,

MIKE BAUER

not a correctional one, Mr. Bauer said.

"On the average we've had pretty close to 100 kids assigned every year," he said. "The success rate of the matches is about 90 per cent. The 10 per cent that don't work out is because of personality clashes or lack of interest on part of the Big or Little Brother."

The Welland agency provides many activities. Throughout the year they hold billiard, bowling and golf tournaments, a camp-out and a Christmas party.

The Big Brother Association was begun in 1903 by Irving Westheimer. He befriended a young boy who was rummaging through garbage cans for food and decided, with a group of his friends, to give friendship and companionship to boys.

In 1904 a New York court clerk realized a great number of boys who appeared in juvenile court came from single parent families. He and a group of friends got the idea of providing a program of personal friendship to fatherless boys.

The first Canadian Big Brother agency began in Toronto in 1913. It has since spread to every province. There are 164 agencies throughout Canada.

Big Brothers is funded by the United Way. "They provide us with about 60 per cent of our budget," Mr. Bauer said.

"The rest of the money comes from fund raisers, city council grants and individual donations."

The Welland agency includes Port Colborne and Fort Erie.

The association advertises its need for more volunteers on television, radio, cable television poster and pamphlets.

Now envisage a little boy with patched knees and a sling shot hanging from his pocket. He is walking down a long and winding road with a destination...to talk, play and laugh with someone who cares enough to be a Big Brother. Just as they advertise, "They are men who care even though they don't have to."

JOY OF TRIVIA

Tiny holes that appear on a newspaper page during paste-up are filled by, what is commonly called in the newspaper business, a filler.

Fillers are usually desperately contrived at the last minute and provide the answer to questions nobody thinks to ask. Such as, what are the things called that fill the tiny holes on a newspaper page during paste-up?

Enter The Great Canadian Contest Win! The Great Canadian Pizza!

This week's Question :

What is the name of the 1st capital of Upper Canada?

Answer:

Name:

Deposit entries in S110 before 11:36, Friday, February 13

Winner will be the first drawn correct answer.

Contest open to all Niagara College Students and Staff.

Seminars study fitness

Six weekly seminars to be conducted at Niagara College will be on food intake and behavior modification, Mary Mach of Weight Watchers, St. Catharines, said.

Mrs. Mach will be conducting the seminars in Room L3 of the Lundy building, the first taking place Tuesday, Feb.3, at 12:15.

She said the seminars will teach people how to eat properly and what food is best for them in terms of both health and weight.

"I've been down there at Niagara College to do speaking engagements and I do know there are a lot of people who want to change their eating habits," she said.

The seminars will not be exercise classes but meetings in which Mrs. Mach will teach the diet programs outlined by Weight Watchers International.

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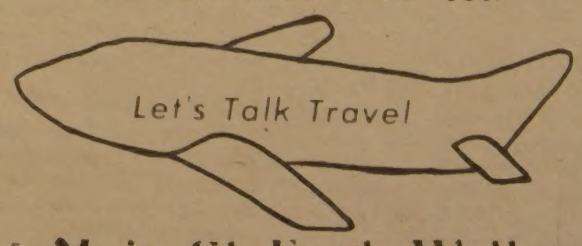

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College instructor host of TV talk show

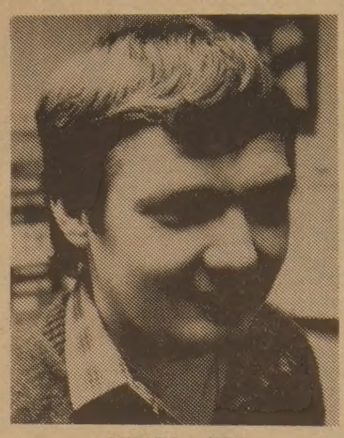
Stu Black, radio and television instructor, will be host of Midday, a noon-hour talk show on CHCH-TV, Channel 11, Hamilton.

"I'm really excited about it," he said. "I love the business."

He was phoned by the producer to audition with about 25 other people for the job. He was hired on his birthday.

He will start taping the shows later this month but they will not be aired until Feb. 2.

Mr. Black will work at the college three days each week and tape five Midday shows on the other two.



STU BLACK

COLLEGE KIND

"The college was very kind," he said. "I love teaching and that's why I was very happy they could work out an arrangement so I could stay on."

Mr. Black, who has worked in the college for six years, has had various experience in radio and television. He worked for CHCH-TV as a video tape operator for four years until he decided he wanted to become a broadcaster.

I wanted to work in front of the cameras instead of behind them,"

He worked at a number of radio stations in Ontario before coming to the college as an instructor. He is this season's host of Call Niagara, a live phone-in information series on cable television.

"This is really a nice business," he said. "You should enjoy and do everything you can in all the related areas."

Midday is a community type of program. The show will have numerous guests and on some shows there will be singers and demonstrations as well as discussions, he said.

Some of his guests will be — Debbie Post, a recording artist whose latest hit was Love Hurts, a man from Cash for Life lotteries to speak on lotteries, and Lefty Reid, director of the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

His first show will be aired Monday, Feb. 2, from noon to 1 p.m.

"I'm going to go crazy for three days (while here). But it's a sacrifice I'm going to have to make because the college has also made one."

Video games bring more complaints

Patricia Menon, English instructor, wants two video games removed and shut off until a suitable place is found for them.

The machines are now installed behind the applied arts faculty offices, occupied by Mrs. Menon and three other instructors. It is an unventilated room and the door must be open for proper ventilation, she said.

"It is impossible to concentrate on marking in here with the machines operating and crowds of students yelling and screaming," Mrs. Menon said.

Originally the machines were installed in the Tecumseh Foyer, but, because of complaints from the library and academic offices staff, the machines were moved by the director of student services, A. S. Aboud.

Mrs. Menon said when the three machines were installed by her office, they blew the lights out on several occasions. One of the machines was later moved closer to the Hamilton room.

"I don't know whether they realized there were offices here."

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) had wanted the machines in the Tecumseh Foyer where they could keep an eye on them. Mrs. Menon said that, in effect, they're unsupervised where they are now.

The machines were installed on the main campus after a December SAC meeting when Tom Mather, SAC president, announced that the games would be given to the college free by the company that owns them. Any damages had to be paid by the college.

The possibility of the Theatre Centre on Empire Street being declared a fire hazard may bring about relocation of the theatre arts program. Some chemicals used in the building, as well as the age and condition of the building itself, may be contributing factors. Nancy Campbell, theatre student, prepares a backdrop with water-based paints. (Photo by Moore)

Possible fire hazard at Theatre Centre

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

The Theatre Centre may have to be closed because the building is a fire hazard, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

At an interview after the Board of Governors meeting Jan. 23, Miss Robarts said, it is "a fire hazard because it is a very old building and there are numerous paints and equipment there." The subject was mentioned during the Board meeting.

An immediate proposal for new theatre facilities was turned down by the ministry of colleges and universities because the ministry has allocated this year's funds to the skilled trades, assisting the hospitality trade and to meeting safety and health regulations, Miss Robarts said.

NO PRIORITY

"Niagara's Theatre Centre does not appear to have high priority for funding in the foreseeable future," she said at the finance and property commitee meeting Jan. 15.

It would cost almost $2 million to fix up the Theatre Centre. The centre is located in the Sacred Heart Church hall, 54 Empire St., Welland.

"We have looked all over the peninsula for a building to renovate and as yet we have not found one."

She said floor plans of the building have been sent to the ministry and its fire marshall will be coming within the next month to check the centre.

"We're going to be positive that we can find a way out," she said.

She said although there are no funds to build new facilities an alternative could be a building a theatre company "hardly uses in the winter." If no place is found, students would have to be placed in theatre programs throughout the province.

Fire drill evacuation gets good response

Ninety-five per cent of the people in college buildings evacuated within five minutes during last Wednesday's fire drill. Glen Brooks, chairman of the joint health and safety committee, said the fire drill ran smoothly with no problems.

"We're really pleased with the co-operation we received from everyone and hope for as good, if not better, in the future."

This is the first time the college has issued advance warning for a fire alarm. Mr. Brooks said people are more co-operative when they've had some warning of the drill, especially in the winter. He said there is another advantage to giving people warning for fire drill.

REAL THING

"When the real thing happens and people haven't had any warning they'll know it's a real fire, not a drill."

The safety committee usually tests the equipment once a year. The fire department must be notified ahead of time so that it does not answer the alarm which is connected directly to the fire station.

"A fire drill is an easy thing to do, because there are only 25 people involved." Mr. Brooks said there are as many as 1,000 fire sensors that could go off in a real fire. When an alarm goes off, each sensor must be checked in that building to see which one has been activated.

Mr. Brooks said in his 13 years at Niagara College there has never been a major problem with a fire or fire drill. There have been a few wastebasket fires.

If there ever is a real fire at Niagara College, Mr. Brooks said, there shouldn't be any problem, "as long as people head for the nearest exit and don't use the elevator."

Handcraft sale

Students interested in selling handcrafts during the Celebrate Canada Festival will be able to do so.

Tables will be available at both the Welland Vale and Welland campuses during the festival, Feb. 11 and 12.

Building safe as many others: Spittle

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

The Theatre Centre is as safe as some of the reconstructed eating places in this area, Jack Spittle, director of property and plant services, said.

In other reaction to a statement that the Theatre Centre might have to close if it is found to be a fire hazard, John Rapsey, program co-ordinator, said Niagara has the largest production training program in Canada and David Davies, human development chairman, referred to Niagara's "highly visible and nationally known program."

Over the years the theatre program has placed students and graduates with European theatres as well as across Canada.

"I don't think there is a major theatre (in Canada) that doesn't have a Niagara College student on staff," Mr. Davies said.

The safety of the theatre building was questioned after the fire marshall's office was informed that the Theatre Centre might possibly be a fire hazard. The ministry of colleges and universities recently turned down a proposal for new theatre facilities because funds were allocated to three other areas.

"It's an old building and as such it is vunerable in the same way any old building is," Mr. Spittle said. "The fact that we have had tragic fires recently has brought fire hazards to the fore."

EXPRESS CONCERN

Since 1976 concerns have been expressed by the Board of Governors and the administration that the theatre program needs new facilities.

"The problem is that nobody can say if a new building can be funded or one found to be renovated," Mr. Rapsey said.

"They (the Board of Governors) have been actively and sincerely trying to find a way to fund new facilities for the program."

Suppling 60 to 70 per cent of the technicians entering Canadian theatre, the theatre program has had students training in scenic painting in Germany and working in England.

He said areas are expanding and the need for technical people is increasing.

"We're running out of room."

"With the building we are in and the number of students we have, we can't expand anymore."

Another alternative being considered is a co-operative education program which would work with a major theatre.

ALL POSSIBILITIES

"We are exploring all the possibilities that are open to us," he said.

Mr. Rapsey, who started working on a proposal for new facilities in 1976, said that the new concerns about the building were "likely to accelerate the search for new facilities."

He said he did not feel the situation was one in which a person should panic.

"I think the possibility that the centre is to be closed is a remote one."

"We have no information that there could be a visit from the Ontario fire marshall," Mr. Davies said.

"We have a highly visible and nationally known program and we hope the Board is not going to throw out the baby with the bath water."

Mr. Rapsey said, "I don't think the board would consider phasing out the program until they have exhausted every possibility."

NIAGARA

EDITORIALS

Buckle up for safety?

We've all heard the saying "Laws are made to be broken."

One law that is ignored more frequently than any other and has raised many questions, is the law concerning seat belts.

Ontario law states that wearing of seat belts is mandatory. They say seat belts save lives. This is where the questions start — has it been proven seat belts actually save lives?

If an occupant of a car is thrown from his vehicle, immediately one will say he should have been wearing his seat belt. But if a passenger is thrown from his car and the car continues on and is completely demolished, then one will say the driver was fortunate not to have his seat belt on.

Why then was the law enforced if it can be stretched so much?

If a passenger, after a bad accident, is unable to be removed from the vehicle because of his seat belt and therefore unable to receive medical attention, then once again one would say, we might have been able to save his life if he hadn't had his seat belt on.

When do the arguments stops? Like any topic of discussion there are bound to be pros and cons. But why just take the pros of a situation and develop a law?

With seat belts, the occupants become part of the car. When a car travelling at 50 kilometres comes to a stop, the occupants don't. A waist seat belt will stop one from going through the windshield but how will it stop one's head from whipping forward and smashing the windshield? Several major head injuries occur each year because of these waist belts.

If seatbelts are enforced then the shoulder strap belt should be used. The head will still jerk forward, possibly causing some sort of neck injury, but at least it will prevent one from striking the windshield.

What side does one take? Seat belts do save lives but, in some cases they cause death too.

Rosemary Powell

'An eye for an eye?'

Revenge is a bitter sweet substance that occasionally enters everyone's mind. It's like an abscess that cannot be removed but grows at every thought until it occupies the complete being.

Many people say "revenge is mine." But is it? If we continue to cut off the arm of everyone who spites us, eventually there would be no arms left to cut off, or, for that matter, to cut them off.

There must be a stopping point. There must be an end to this insatiable lust for vengeance.

If someone had stopped avenging their dead, how many centuries ago would the Israeli/ Arab war have ceased?

The world has yet to see whether the U.S. will take sweet revenge against Iran for the taking and abuse of the hostages.

What would happen if they took revenge? Could not the Soviet Union, Iran's ally, defend its smaller friend? Could we have a World War III with the two greatest powers battling it out?

Like everything in life, revenge creates another conflicting force. Avenging vengeance will continue like a chain, until someone has the decency, the brains, and the guts to say, "Enough is enough!"

Alison Bailey

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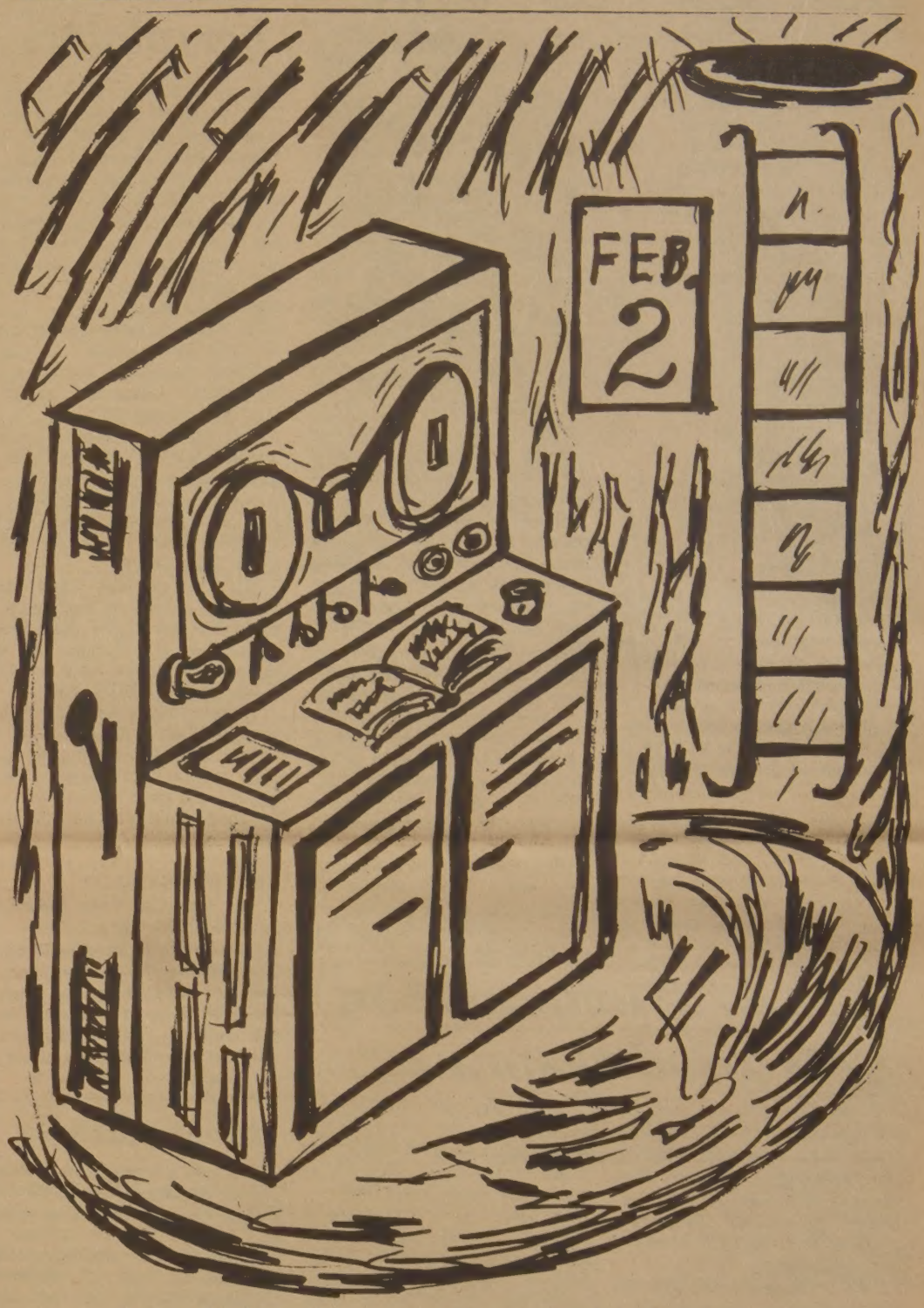


"...and when the groundhog sees his shadow..."

Colleges discourage SIN as personal identifier

Social Insurance Numbers (SIN) will be "discouraged and eventually prohibited" as a personal identifier in a record, file or data bank, a memo to the presidents of colleges of applied arts and technology, said.

The memo, from the Minstry of Colleges and Universities, said that by June 30, 1981, requirements of the SIN on application forms will be regulated by implimentation of government guidelines.

The number will continue to be used "in connection with any government inquiry, request, transaction, record or operation which directly and specifically pertains to the income of an individual."

The memo said that if a student does not wish to provide his or her SIN on the 1981-82 college application form, "colleges can make up an alternate student number."

SOME USE

Because of the potential for life-saving actions, hospitals and other medical data banks will be permitted to use the SIN as a patient-file identifier, pending a decision to establish a "unique personal identifier" for health programs.

Access to personal data in all records, files, data banks, whether or not identified by or containing the number, especially where computer-based, "shall be effectively controlled and restricted." The memo said appropriate penalties and/ or deterrents shall be legally established to discourage violations.

The memo is a partial response to the recent report of the Ontario Commision on Freedom of Information and Individual Privacy. Alan W. Pope, minister without portfolio, announced on Dec. 10, 1980, the guidelines will limit and control the use of the numbers in its operations.

The restriction of the use of the SIN is "...deemed to be a rational solution to a problem where mutually conflicting demand for citizens — the demand for privacy and for efficient government — must be recognized and addressed."

LETTERS

The Niagara News welcomes letters from its readers on any topic.

Resource centre misused library staff helpful

Some students and instructors seem to be confused as to how to use the resource centre correctly and Dorothy Schmidt, francophone librarian at the college, wants to do something about it.

"I would like to help students and new teachers with respect as to how to use the library."

To the left of the circulation desk is the card catologue which is divided into author, subject and title sections.Books can be located in the centre under the call numbers and letters found at the top left corner of the catalogue cards.

Audio visual material such as films, tapes, cassette decks and videotapes are interfiled in the main catalogue and the A/ V catalogue upstairs in the centre. The equipment here is for the use in the library only.

Instructors can put books on reserve in cases where only one or two copies of a particular book are available for an entire class. There is a shelf for these books behind the circulation desk.

Books and magazines are available on interlibrary loan if they cannot be found in the resource centre. These can be located with the aid of the library staff through other colleges, universities and public libraries, she said.

BACK ISSUES

Current periodical material is available on shelves in the library but back issues are located downstairs and require the assistance of library staff to obtain them. The Globe and Mail and Toronto Star newspapers are available at the main desk.

Resource centre hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and until 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Lifestyles

Profiles / Opinions

Security guard loves job, students

By BRAD HEATH
Staff Writer

Shirley Ford, an Ensign Security guard in the MacKenzie and Black Walnut buildings, feels the students at Niagara College are "terrific." "They have to be — we have a terrific college."

Miss Ford, who has worked at the college since 1974, said she has never had any "real trouble."

She has never seen a bad student and does not expect to, Miss Ford said. Students come to the school for a reason — to receive an education that will provide them with a career.

"The students in the college are young men and women and they're here to learn, and when they're finished — you just wish them the very best."

Working from 5 to 12 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, Miss Ford only comes in contact with day students when they attend evening classes in the MacKenzie or Black Walnut buildings. Through conversations with the students she has become interested in their activities in the college.

SEES GRADS

Miss Ford has had "quite a few" graduates drop in and say hello, and finds that "terrific — it's lovely."

Originally from Prince Edward Island, Miss Ford came to this area in 1948. "Down East everything is meek and mild — not hurried," Miss Ford said. "Up here everything is go, go, go."

After graduating from Thorold High School with her Grade 13 diploma, she spent "quite a few years" in the meat department at a Loblaws store.

Deciding she wanted to go into hair-styling, Miss Ford attended the Chippewa Barbering and Hair-styling School in Buffalo and received a certificate.

STYLED HAIR

Before she could practise hair-styling in Canada, Miss Ford had to have a certificate from a Canadian institution. She attended George Brown College and received a certificate.

She left hair-styling after five years, although she still cuts and styles hair in her home, and became a store detective in St. Catharines.

Deciding to try something different, she came to Niagara College as a security guard in 1974.

"I've had it for trying things," Miss Ford said. "I think I'm here for a while. I love my job. Every day is something different, there are never two days the same. If you're a nervous person, this job is not up your alley."

Working six days a week does not leave much time for outside activities, which is "too bad" because she enjoys sports.

ENJOYS BOWLING

One of the sports Miss Ford enjoys is bowling. She does not compete in a league but enjoys getting together with a group of friends and going bowling.

Another sport she competed in was target shooting. She was a member of the Maple Leaf Marksmen Club in St. Catharines and has gold, silver and bronze awards for shooting a certain number of targets. "It was a good sport," Miss Ford said. She gave it up in 1968, but still has her rifle.

Of all sports, her first love is golf. She describes golf as "my sport, I may not be good at it, but I do my best." She claims her score is not the greatest, but the reason she plays is to get enjoyment from the game. "I've played with people I wouldn't play with again," Miss Ford said. "They don't play for the same reason I do."

SHIRLEY FORD

FOLLOWS SPORTS

Working in the MacKenzie building has given Miss Ford an opportunity to follow some of the activities in the gymnasium.

She feels this year's women's basketball team is "turning out beautifully" and the men's team is "getting it together."

Both Dan Radobenko, coach of the men's team, and Russ Stevenson, coach of the women's team, are "excellent" coaches, Miss Ford said. She also feels Fred Bassi, athletic assistant, is doing an excellent job as the coach of the hockey team.

She has watched the ju-jitsu class under the direction of Vince Viele, a fourth-degree black belt, go from one class a week to classes on Monday and Thursday. She thinks it is an excellent class and backs up her opinion with the fact that the course has expanded to two classes a week.

With all the college has to offer, Miss Ford said she wishes she could go back a few years and come to the college as a student.

Won't become elitist: Davis

Niagara College "will not do any sort of screening" when admitting Grade 12 and 13 students from high school, even though many colleges would like to, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

This was one of the many important issues discussed at the second annual meeting of Ontario's 22 community college presidents and chairmen with Premier William Davis in Toronto Jan. 23. Community college admission policies allow entry to anyone with a Grade 12 diploma.

Premier Davis approved colleges being more selective but stressed the fact that colleges should not become elitist, Miss Robarts said. He thought Grade 12 students should be given the same chance as Grade 13 students.

USE INGENUITY

Mr. Davis said he felt we must use as much ingenuity as possible to bring students to the best suited programs, Miss Robarts said.

More information interviewing will be done and although it is important that Grade 12 students get a chance to enter college, on the other hand, Grade 13 students will not be kept out of college, Mr. Davis said to the presidents and chairmen.

LACK OF MONEY

Also discussed with Premier Davis was the lack of infusion of money into colleges for the replacement of equipment. Mr. Davis said there is only so much money, and it has to be shared among colleges. Miss Robarts said, "If colleges are to do a good job, they must have good equipment."

Polytechnic education was discussed because some people favor the Ryerson concept. In an earlier interview, Miss Robarts said an example of the creation of a polytechnic institution in this area would be if Niagara College, a middle sized college, joined Brock, a small university.

THREE LEVELS

This would cause students confusion in having to choose from three levels of post-secondary education. Mr. Davis agreed with the arguments presented against the polytechnic concept and will take the discussions into consideration, Miss Robarts said. "Apart from not granting degrees, Niagara College can do what a polytechnic can do...the community college is a good system," she said before the meeting.

This year's meeting "was a lot more positive than last year's," Miss Robarts said. There was solidarity among the presidents and chairmen and "an identification of major problems."

Escalating instability

Systems not geared for change

By KENNETH HARE
Staff Writer

Government and educational systems are geared toward stability and therefore not keeping up with escalating changes evident in today's society, Dr. Malcolm Knowles said.

Dr. Knowles, teacher and consultant in adult education, as well as the author of several books on the topic, was speaking to a group of educators and administrators from the Niagara region in the Black Walnut building Jan. 23. The Friday night meeting was an introduction to a day-long seminar that was held Saturday.

During the industrial revolution there was a period of stability in which changes and development took place over a number of years, Dr. Knowles said.

As an example, James Watt invented a use for steam but it took 30 years before the development of the steam-powered engine.

Nowadays, a computer engineer becomes obsolete after six months because of changes.

"He has to spend half his working year learning the changes."

Another change taking place in society and probably the most visible is in demography.

"We have changed from a youth-centred culture to an adult-centred culture because we are becoming an older people."

In 1820, half the people in the United States were under 18 years of age. The projection by the U.S. census committee is that the average age in 1990 will be more than 35.

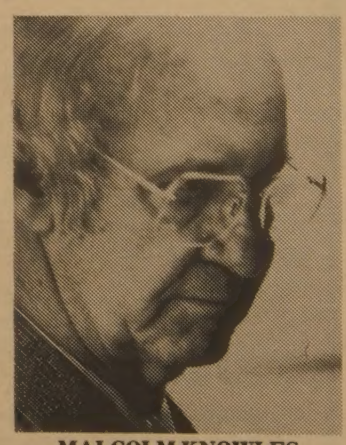
Dr. Knowles said a third force probably less visible is "consciousness raising."

"The greatest threat to civilization is the impending obsolescence of human beings," he said.

He said there should be a re-definition of the purpose of education. In the 19th century, it was to convey knowledge while today it is to create competency in people by re-organizing education around the concept of life-long learning.

"I'm dead certain after 45 years in adult education as an observer, the decade of the '80s is going to be the most radically changing in the field of adult education."

It is no longer functional to consider education as based on youth and changes that have occurred in the present system have "been purely cosmetic and by no means fundamental."


MALCOLM KNOWLES

The notion of people going to one place to learn is becoming out-dated. Places like Niagara College will become more comparable to resource centres.

Computers as resources in education could make text books irrelevant and possibly teachers will be the same in their present role. That is why the role of the teacher must change, Dr. Knowles said.

"In essence it will shift from transmitter of knowledge and skill to a dual role of being a process designer, manager and, secondarily, a constant resource for self-directed learning," he said.

A pre-condition to the teaching process is to attain a climate of collaboration and support that is conclusive to learning.

There should be a mutual respect between both parties, the teacher showing interest by paying careful attention to what the student has to say, he said.

Dr. Knowles said the instructor should create a sense of "safety" by getting rid of the fears of students who lose the urge to learn because they get a negative response for not knowing the answer to a question.

Teachers should make a point of describing themselves to the students and share with them a self-revelation to put them on the same level and make them more relaxed, he said.

There should be an atmosphere of freedom in a learning situation.

"The tradition has been that the teacher is the authority and in western society there is an automatic defence among people to go against authority," he said. "This can be solved by giving the adult learner freedoms and not be too authoritative."

NIAGARA

ENTERTAINMENT

Lights, camera, action, volunteer for Cable TV

By MARK WALTERS
Staff Writer

Anyone living in Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and Fonthill can be on television, provided they have a good idea for a community program and are willing to work at it.

"We're not looking for professionals," Lynne Catillo, program director for Armstrong Cable TV, said. "Our programs are about the community, for the community, and produced by the community."

Most of the programs are viewers' ideas, and performers and technicians are people from the community.

Bryon MacRae, program technician for the station, trains people in the operation of cameras, lights and other technical aspects of a television program. He oversees the actual production.

NOT COMPLICATED

"It's not very complicated," Mrs. Catillo said. "If you can drive a car, you can work a television camera."

All non-profit organizations wishing to advertise an event on the station's public service message board must submit notice of the event in writing to the Armstrong offices on Lincoln Street at least two weeks prior to the event. This is to "insure that we can give enough air time to benefit the group involved," Mrs. Catillo said.

Cable TV is a private community channel. Its purpose is "to provide programming not readily available on other networks in the area," she said. "We have no advertising, no promotions and no commercials."

Funds for the station are provided by Armstrong Communications, which makes its money from renting cable services.

USES VOLUNTEERS

Besides two full-time employees and two part-time playback operators, the station works solely with volunteers who are trained to do their own shows.

In 1977, teachers and students at Confederation High School, assisted by French-Canadian clubs in the area, approached the programming department with the idea of a French language program. The show initially ran for one year and then returned in 1979 after the school bought some television equipment.

Mr. MacRae trained the staff and the students in the use of the equipment and today the school has expanded its television studio to produce the weekly program, Contact Niagara, entirely by themselves.

The cable TV studios received its first equipment in 1976, with virtually no backdrops or props.

GOOD SCROUNGERS

"We started off as very good scroungers," Mrs. Catillo said. "But that's the fun of it. It gets the community involved, and that's what it's all about."

"The hours are horrendous," she said. "It's one of those jobs where the whole family has to learn to cope and adjust to hectic schedules.

"But we have a lot of fun. I happen to love people, and I love working with them and helping them. If I won a million dollars, I'd probably quit my job, but I'd never stop being a volunteer."

Armstrong TV also works with Niagara College. The Media Centre airs programs Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, and radio and television students cover the Niagara Falls Flyers hockey games on Friday nights. Students also run the telethon on cable each spring.

WORK TOGETHER

McLean-Hunter Cable TV, which serves St. Catharines and Thorold, and Armstrong Cable work closely together, since their relay towers are next to each other in Fonthill.

The two stations exchange programs and show programs simultaneously.

"We have a really good working relationship with both McLean-Hunter and Niagara College," Mrs. Catillo said.

Among the programs Armstrong Cable airs are Adopt-a-Pet in co-operation with the Humane Society; Queen's Park Report, with local member of the provincial legislature Mel Swart; Ital-Canadiana, Italian News and affairs; Plants Plus, a show on home gardening; Niagara College credit courses, interview shows and special events.

Winter serenity

This and many more of nature's wonders can be found on an afternoon stroll through Dufferin Islands in Niagara Falls. (Photo by Clark)

English text takes different approach

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

Who is going to read this anyway? No, this is not the attitude I had to writing this article; it is the title of a book written by two Niagara College instructors.

Ray Matthews, co-ordinator of English, and Garfield Webb, English instructor, wrote an English textbook that takes a slightly different approach, to first-year college writing courses.

"Who is going to read this anyway" consists of 50 articles from contemporary selections from Maclean's, Time, the Globe and Mail, and Focus to mention a few. There are articles about Problems of Dental X-Rays, How to be a Leader, Beauty, and K-cycle engine.

The book is meant to give students background information and provide a suitable environment for writing a related article, making their own decisions and drawing their own conclusions.

It also contains a grammar section at the end.

"Teaching of grammar first is a bad approach to the problem," Mr. Webb said. "There are certain language development problems that have to be attacked first — lack of vocabulary, and lack of general knowledge."

These English instructors have adopted the approach that first, the writer has something to say that's important and someone to say it to.

"Egocentrism" is the difficulty in realizing someone else sees things in a different way but it is still important, Mr. Webb said.

Students are given the opportunity to be placed in situations where they can explain their ideas and not be afraid to express them.

AN EFFECTIVE EXERCISE

One exercise consists of taking a survey, and writing the results. Students then formulate their own ideas and write a thesis on the subject to send to a member of parliament or some other person in authority, a person who can have an effect. Writing is a communication, Mr. Webb said.

"People learn the rules of grammar quickly and can get perfect on a test," Mr. Webb said, but they can't apply them to their own writing.

The title of the book captures the philosophy of the book, Mr. Matthews said. Instructors who are using the book are getting good results. The book is also challenging to instructors.

The book, which was supposed to be out in February of the past year, did not appear until May due to problems.

The book, which sells for $8.95 is available in the bookstore.

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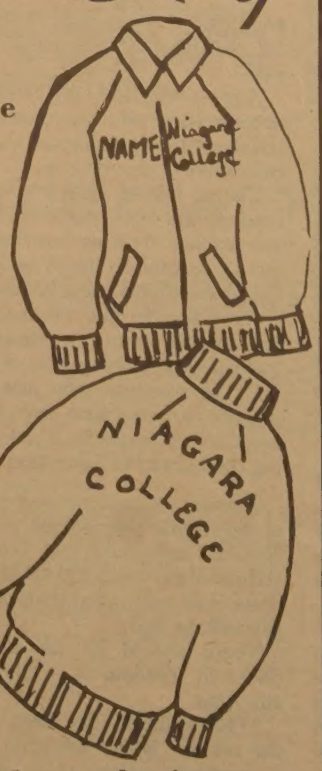

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ENTERTAINMENT

RTV makes documentary, Lennon fans to participate

By DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writer

Attention, John Lennon fans!

Those with Beatles or John Lennon memorabilia may be able to participate in a one-hour visual presentation covering the 40 years of Lennon's life.

R. W. (Bob) Shields, 34, and Randy Stanley, 21, both in second-year radio and television (RTV), have undertaken to create a visual presentation of the life of the former Beatle, John Lennon.

"We want to avoid doing a death tribute," Bob said. "Purpose of the show will be to document Lennon's life. It will be called John Lennon — The Man.

What Bob and Randy would like from students is any type of information about the Beatles or Lennon. Pictures, tapes, articles, magazines, videotapes or any other memorabilia "from the early 60s onward." "We have set up a day for people to offer us, on loan, any material they may have," Bob said, "any material they may have that we don't have."

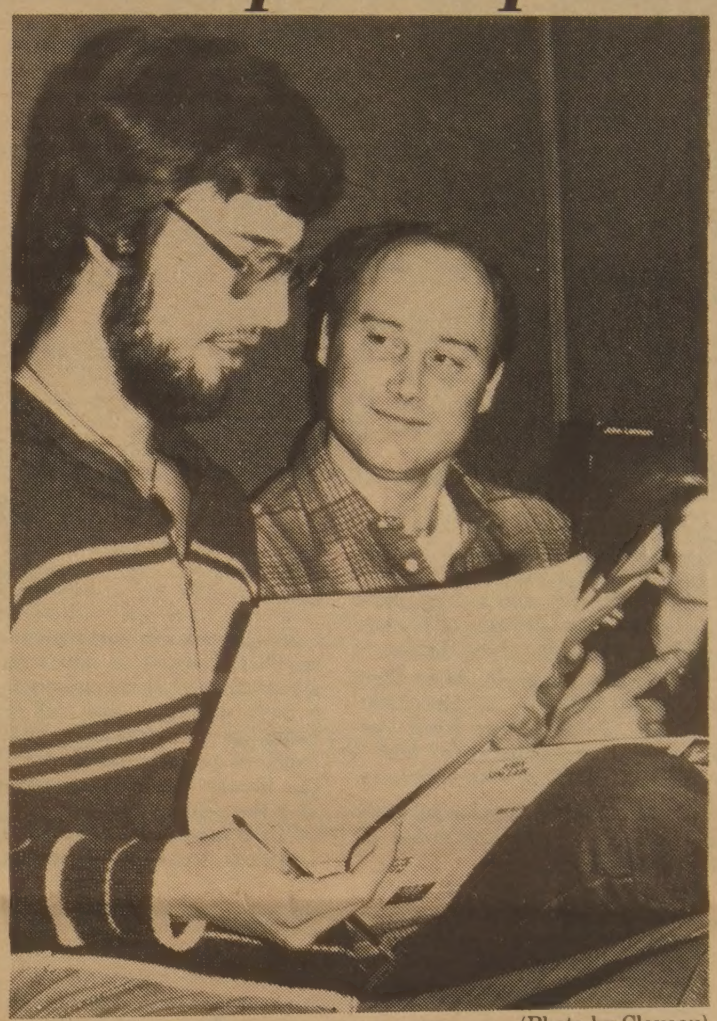
GIVE RECEIPTS

Material loaned to Randy and Bob will be "protected and guarded," Bob said. "We will sign a receipt for receiving the material."

They will keep loaned material "for a month or so." They already have most Beatles albums and the recent articles published on his death.

"If the people bring these things in to us, their material will be checked to see if we have it or not," Randy said. "If we don't have it, we may borrow it and possibly insert it into the show. What we'd really like is memorabilia that we'd have difficulty in getting nowadays."

Bob said if people want to participate they can by loaning their memorabilia, or "we may interview people for the show." People having something to contribute can bring their material to Niagara College on Tuesday, Feb. 3, between 12:15 and 2 p.m. Room L-1 will be set up for receipt of on-loan material.



RANDY STANLEY BOB SHIELDS (Photo by Claveau)

The show, which began as an outside-of-school project, could not be done because of the cost factor, but the broadcasting program at the college approved it for a school project and planning is under way.

DO RESEARCH

Bob and Randy have three first-year students doing "a lot of in-depth research" into the life of Lennon. "They're going through newspaper and magazine articles and the special tribute books that have been coming out lately."

Randy, who is majoring in radio, wanted to do a special show on Lennon and approached Bob, who is majoring in television, to help. Randy will be the on-air host and Bob will be the producer "and probably the director," he said. "I like organizing and making things happen."

The show "will be about John Lennon, from his childhood to his death," Bob said. He said they will work on his philosophy of peace. The script will be done after the research is finished.

Bob said the show will not dwell on the Beatles, but "there will be a section of the show on the Beatles during the history of his life." During the show, they will be using Lennon's songs and music, not those of the famous rock group.

WRITES ONO

Randy and Bob are sending a letter to Yoko Ono, Lennon's wife, about what they are doing, "to see if she can be of any assistance." "It's possible that she will help us out," Bob said. Another reason for sending the letter is to let her know there are people in Canada doing things to remember Lennon and his life.

Bob said they hope to have the show finished sometime near the end of March. When the tape is finished, it will be offered to libraries, schools and other colleges in Ontario. He said they will see about showing it during a double lunch period on a Thursday after it's been completed.

Career seminar for women only

A seminar dealing with Non-traditional Careers for Women in Industry will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Lundy 1 of the Welland Campus. The guest speaker will be engineer Bonnie Hutchinson and the seminar will be from 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. All female students and staff are welcome.

Lost and found

A box containing binders and various items lost by Niagara College students was received by the Registrar's office. Students who have lost anything are welcome to come and claim what may be theirs.

Tourism trip takes classroom to Mexico

By BRAD HEATH
Staff Writer

Second-year tourism students will be taking the classroom to Mexico from March 29 until April 5.

The students and Neil McGregor, co-ordinator of the tourism, tours and attractions program, will be "overnighting" in Acapulco and Mexico City and taking sight seeing excursions to other places. The trip's itinerary is not complete, Mr. McGregor said.

The trip will allow the students to gain experience in arranging group tours and in selecting hotels for group tours. The students will also get a chance to study the technique of managing a tourist resort.

The trip will allow the students to familiarize themselves with Acapulco and Mexico City, both popular tourist attractions, Mr. McGregor said.

NOT COMPLETE

The students have been working on the arrangements, other than transportation, for the trip since Christmas. Transportation was arranged before Christmas. The arrangements are "not finalized by any means," Mr. McGregor said.

Destination of the trip, decided last November, was selected by the students according to what appealed to them and what they could afford. The students had to select a destination which could be visited in the time alloted for the trip.

Money for the trip was raised by the students with draws for a trip to Florida and $500, an orange sale and a bake sale, Mr. McGregor said. The college provides a portion of the transportation costs. The students will have to pay all remaining costs.

This year's trip is the second in the five-year history of the tourism course that is not destined for Florida. In 1978 the tourism students went to England and Scotland.

Second book sale

With plans to make it a little bigger and better than the first, the Learning Resource Centre is sponsoring its second book sale in the Tecumseh Foyer Feb. 5, senior librarian Stephen Kees said.

The centre plans to sell "in excess of 500 books" on Feb. 5. At the last sale, on Nov. 20 it sold between 300 and 400 books.

The books being sold, withdrawn from the college collection, are mainly books that are obsolete, or of which the library has more than one and are occupying shelf space. They will probably sell for $1 each. Mr. Kees said the Resource Centre is aiming to "raise a little money and get rid of as many books as we can."

Mr. Kees said the Resource Centre is continually buying new titles, editions and subjects and must continually clean out the shelves.

"I think every library has to turn its stock over from time to time." It will be starting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

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Children from the day care centre got bundled up for a walk across campus last week. Winter took a break for a few days but the snow soon returned as temperatures dropped below freezing and winter got back on course.

(Photo by Payne)

Cafeteria manager's wife

Marie (Minnie) Bomers dies

Funeral services were held last Wednesday for Marie (Minnie) Bomers who, with her husband, Fred, had been involved with Niagara College catering for six years.

Mrs. Bomers, 52, of 45 Densgrove Drive, St. Catharines, died in St. Catharines General Hospital Jan. 24 after a short illness.

In the six years that Niagara Frontier Caterers have handled catering at the college, Mrs. Bomers was involved in many special events and never missed a Board of Governors dinner. Mr. Bomers is manager of the Welland campus cafeteria.

Born in Winkler, Man., she worked with her husband for CPR hotels in Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Bomers returned to the Niagara peninsula to join the newly-expanded Niagara Frontier Caterers.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one son, Donald; three daughters, Mrs. Ken (Linda) Hansen, Brenda and Carolyn, all of St. Catharines; a brother, Peter Harder, and a sister, Mrs. David (Elsie) Friesen, of Winkler Man.; a brother, John Harder, of Winnipeg; a sister, Mrs. Tony (Katie) Friesen, of Rosenfeld, Man., a sister, Mrs. Anne Purger of St. Catharines; and a grandchild, Dawn Marie Bomers.

Mrs. Bomers was buried at the Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines.

Arts chairmen share Cuthbertson's duties

Two applied arts chairmen will help share the administrative duties of the environmental studies division until its chairman, James Cuthbertson, recovers from illness, John Giancarlo, executive dean, said.

Because of additional duties as executive dean, Mr. Giancarlo will receive the volunteered help of Dennis Malone, English and Communication arts, and David Davies, human development, since Mr. Cuthbertson "may be away for a few more weeks."

Mr. Malone will administer to the interior design and fashion arts programs since he is connected with each in some manner. He supervises the third year interior design students' comprehensive reports and theses.

TAKES TWO

He will administer to fashion arts because of the link it has with journalism as the advertising staff of the Niagara News. Journalism is part of communication arts.

Mr. Malone will supervise these programs in conjuction with the co-ordinators and faculty involved, Mr. Giancarlo said.

Mr. Davies will administer to the library technician, educational resource technician and graphic arts programs and will be mounting an advertising campaign to promote enrolment in the library technician program with the aid of the faculty.

Mr. Giancarlo said Mr. Davies is already in charge of promoting enrolment in the theatre arts program.

Mr. Giancarlo will be looking after the horticultural program because of a "major new project" already in progress, in which he is involved. It deals with the development of a new aspect in horticultural education.

"We're sorry that Mr. Cuthbertson is ill and away but, in the interval, I have had very good co-operation from co-ordinators, faculty, and other divisional chairmen and we all wish Mr. Cuthbertson the best."

Program offers gov't training

The Ontario Municipal Training Program is available to college or university students who graduated within the last two years from a program containing a substantial local government content, such as public or business administration, political science, economics or urban planning.

Under the program, municipalities hire and provide a series of different work experiences over a two-year period for qualified graduates and part-time municipal employees who have academic qualifications equal to the student.

The program was designed to "help graduates of colleges and universities obtain on the job training and experience within local government," a pamphlet from the Ministry of Intergovermental Affairs said.

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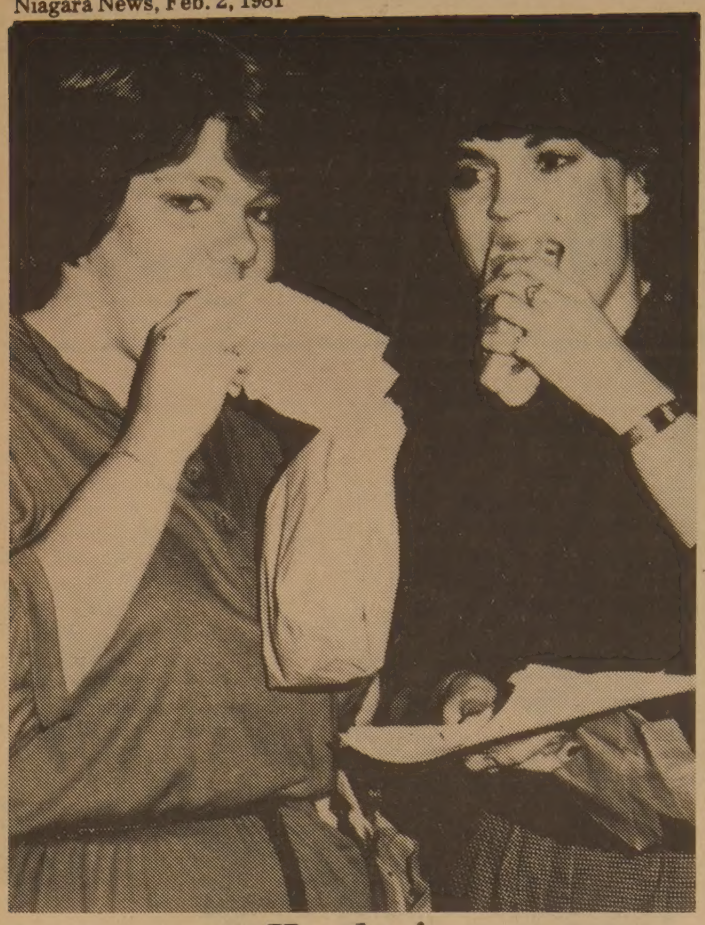

Hot dog! (Photo by Payne)

Fashion arts students held their second hot dog sale on Jan. 27 to raise money for a trip to Montreal. Heather Lane and Cathy LeBlanc, second year fashion arts students, enjoy some of their own products.

Merger efficient

Merger of adult training technological programs with the school of technology should ensure more co-operation and efficient use of equipment between the two campuses, W. R. Stuart, dean of technology, said.

Asked to comment on the merger announced in a memo from the president Jan. 14, Dr. Stuart said in the past disagreements have occured over the use of equipment. The 'idea that they were orphans, and didn't matter to us ," is not true.

This is the final more completing the realignment of adult training programs that began in January 1980, the memo said. Responsibility for the technical programs under the chairmanship of Joe Brandy will be moved from the Resource Centre for Skill Development to the school of applied science and technology.

The move will more than double the size of the school of technology, Dr. Stuart said. Until now, Niagara was the only college that had retraining separate from other college functions.

This will "be better for the students," giving them a feeling of mobility, Dr. Stuart said.

UN Club growing, promotes aims, ideals

A seed has been planted in Welland.

"It has germinated, and so far, it is growing well," James Nicholas, president of the Welland chapter of the United Nations Association, said.

The Welland UN affiliate has been in existence since the fall of 1980. Mr. Nicholas, an instructor at Niagara College, has been president since it began.

He said there is a chapter in Welland because a group of area people decided there was a need for it. These people thought there was "a need to promote the aims and ideals of the UN in this area."

"All kinds of people join the UN chapter," Mr. Nicholas said. But, he said, generally those who join are people interested in other nations and cultures. "Those who are worried about the dangers facing this world, and who want to do something about it." Members are from all over the peninsula.

PROVIDES KITS

The organization provides UN study kits to high schools and public schools. These kits provide, in simple language, the aims of the UN and "explain about global problems and what can be done," he said. The UN provides the chapter with information such as UN publications.

There are "about 50 paid members and another 50 prospective members" at the Welland UN affiliate. Yearly fees are: $7 for a regular membership, $12 for a family membership and $25 or more for a patron.

Mr. Nicholas said club meetings are held once a month "during the middle of the month."Usually meetings are held at the Welland Public Library. Address of the chapter is 18 Heather Cr., Welland, Ont., L3C 4P7.

NEW MEMBERS

"New members are welcome," he said. The only qualification for membership is that "you are committed to the aims and ideals of the UN charter."

One of the aims and ideals of the UN charter is to promoted global perspectives. Realization that the most serious problems are world problems, is important, Mr. Nicholas said. "The UN is the only international organization that we have, to solve these problems."

Promoting a better understanding of differences and being able to get along in spite of these differences, is another aim of the UN charter. "Diversity is not weakness, it could be strength," he said.

In Career House counselling, emphasis on unemployment

By LAURIE ELLIS
Staff Writer

When the prospect of looking for a job, preparing for one or the jitters of an interview strike you, then it is time to step into Career House, a career counselling agency concerned with young people.

"The emphasis of the house is on youth," Erik Madsen, project director, said, "but we deal with anyone changing careers or re-entering the work world."

"Youth is hardest hit by the unemployment situation so that is where we concentrate."

Offering services to the Niagara region that are "unique to Career House," the "community-oriented" counsellors are ready to assist individuals preparing for successful and satisfying work careers.

"The key to success is to get an individual in a job situation that suits him or her," Mr. Madsen said. Through the three services offered at Career House, one can assess his potential, prepare and train for a field of work.

Opening

Career House officially opened in March, 1978. Though not funded by Niagara College, its staff is from the college. As a pilot project for others, Career House grew during the years and increased its numbers. Courses in Creating A Career, Career Counselling and Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) have made Career House a model across the province for the kind of service it provides.

Located on Victoria Avenue in Niagara Falls, Career House retains the "rustic setting" it possessed when it was a private home. "The emphasis is on informality and getting rid of the institutional bureaucracy approach," Mr. Madsen said. Career Counselling has helped more than 3,000 people since it was first started, he said.

Creating A Career is an extensive 20-hour career counselling course run by the house. With 15 to 20 people in a group the course discusses such things as "Career Clarification and Job Search Techniques." Though intended primarily to help those between 16 and 24, they are open to anyone.

Funding

The third service offered is OCAP. Funded by the Ontario government it provides work experience for young people between 16 and 24 who have found their first full-time job. Career House has placed more than 300 OCAP applicants in on-the-job training to develop skills. Each trainee receives a weekly wage from OCAP. Some of the jobs are obtained through the grapevine or employers contact the house.

Some college graduates have made their way to Career House, Mr. Madsen said.

"It is a matter of motivating people," Mr. Madsen said. "Some know what they want to do but just do not know how to go about it. They lack awareness of what an employer may be looking for. They never knew how to plan a career or what to look for, the basic idea."

"We plan and think about the material things we want such as a stereo but we don't put the same amount of time into planning for a job," he said.

Director

Project director since Career House opened, Mr. Madsen was a graduate of McMaster and Queen's Universities. He was an OCAP trainee himself at Niagara College. He began working in the OCAP program and now manages the house. Mr. Madsen is joined by OCAP employer liason officers Margaret Mingle and Donna Morris. Wilma Puttee and Gord McPherson round out the staff as counsellors in the Creating A Career course. Margaret MacGregor keeps the clerical and administrative reporting running smoothly.

For those interested in learning more about what Career House has to offer, an orientation, information session is held each Thursday at 1:30 p.m., Mr. Madsen said.

If you feel that you are at the end of the line in job prospects or that you may just be doing something wrong, don't give up, as Career House is not about to give up on you!

'Get going:' Anderson

As the calendar moves swiftly ahead, many students will finish years of formal education and begin to prepare for a full-time job.

"All I can say is to get going," Kenneth Anderson, student placement officer, said. Graduates must begin sending out resumes and letters of application to prospective employers soon. "In most cases the job won't come looking for you."

Help is available for students who want to take advantage of the student services. The placement counsellors are "always willing to look over a student letter of application or resume to see if it's getting the message over," Mr. Anderson said.

Literature is available at the counselling area to help students seek employment. There are pamphlets on preparing the necessary paper work.

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SPORTS

Kerr big gun for Knights, pots 3 goals in victory

The Niagara Knights men's hockey team beat the Mohawk Mountaineers 9-4 Saturday Jan. 24, with the help of a three-goal performance by Randy Kerr.

Niagara took advantage of penalties against Mohawk and proved that it had an effective power-play during the game.

Coach Fred Bassi put Brad Boyd in the Niagara net for the first period to give him some playing experience. Boyd faced 24 shots in the first period and only allowed one in the net. Boyd came up with many big saves during the first period and was a major frustration to the Mountaineers.

Both teams had eight minutes in penalties in the first period. Mohawk outshot Niagara 24-9 but Niagara was leading 3-1 at the end of the first period. Two of Niagara's goals were scored when Mohawk was a man short. Mohawk's only goal came during a powerplay during the last minute of the period.

RANDY KERR HIGH SCORER

Don Nadeau replaced Boyd in net for Niagara for the rest of the game. Niagara scored 12 seconds into the second period.

THIRD SCORE

Five minutes later Randy Kerr scored his third goal of the game while Niagara had a man advantage. Mohawk goalie Al Azzopardi let in four goals during the second period and faced 28 shots by Niagara. Mohawk took 14 shots at Nadeau who gave up only one goal.

In the third period Mohawk changed goalies replacing Azzopardi with Phil Simon. Both teams traded goals and then the game broke down into a series of penalties, and assorted fouls for the misuse of sticks, elbows and fists. Don Nadeau came up with some big saves while Niagara played with three men due to penalties.

Mohawk outshot Niagara 17-12 but Niagara kept its five-goal lead. Over-all Mohawk out shot Niagara 55-49 but Niagara spent its time well in the Mountaineer end while getting twice as many goals.

Mr. Bassi noted that he was having defensive problems. "We only had five defencemen to start with and one got hurt," he said. "We have to work these problems out but we should be able to finish the season in first place."

Let me at 'em

It looks as if the referees are winning this wrestling match as two players call time out for fisticuffs during a Jan. 24 game.

(Photo by belyea)

Ski trip to Vermont

Niagara College's ski club's first trip to Vermont will be the weekend of Feb. 20, costing members of the club $125 vice-president Jodi Murray said.

The bus leaves Friday morning, Feb. 20, and 46 people will be able to go on the trip. It is an extra $10 for the trip if a student isn't a member of the club, but the price includes bus fare, accomodation in a condominium and lift tickets for two days skiing; the students have to buy food in Vermont.

Students with their own ski equipment are welcome to take it to Vermont, but if not, equipment hire is being arranged from Cupolo's in Niagara Falls at a price of $8.50; this is cheaper than the $11.50 (U.S.) one would have to pay in Vermont, Jodi said.

The club is arranging a trip to Blue Mountain next weekend, Jodi said.

Considering they couldn't guarantee snow for the winter, the club did well in attaining members when they first established themselves last term; they have 30 members and it costs $2 to become a member.

"We're really glad there's been so much snow this year," Jodi said.

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NIAGARA

SPORTS

Knights beat Fillies

Niagara College's women's basketball team have another win to their credit after beating the Centennial Fillies in Toronto on Jan. 23, 52-48.

"It was our best team effort to date," Russ Stevenson, coach of the Niagara Knights, said. "The team showed a lot of maturity and did everything they had to do to win the game."

He said Carolyn St. Angelo had 18 points but she felt that she had played a poor game.

"Fran Russel had her best shooting game to date," Mr. Stevenson said.

The team never fell behind, and at one time were up by 14 points. Betty VanRuyven had a good game, accounting for 16 rebounds, bringing her total number of rebounds to 161.

"Betty's rebounds average out to about 15 per game," Sandra Tooke, team manager, said.

The score at half-time was 28-24 in favor of the Knights.

High scorers for Niagara in the first half were Carolyn St.-Angelo, 8, Cindy Deterling, 7, and Lori Havran with 6.

High scorers for the game were Carolyn St. Angelo, 18, Fran Russell, 12, and Cindy Deterling with nine.

'Unity, start to good team:' Bassi

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

Sports seems to run in the family for 35-year-old Fred Bassi, athletic assistant at Niagara College.

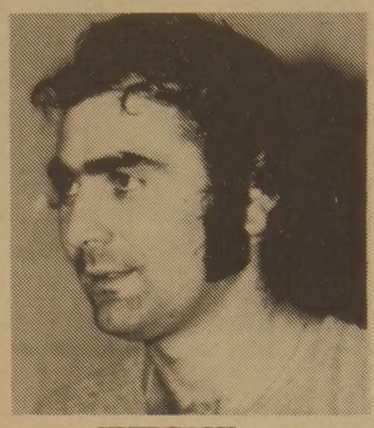
Mr. Bassi, in his 11th year at Niagara College, said he gets his "biggest kick" from watching his children play sports. His daughter swims and his two sons play hockey and soccer.

"I'm not an interfering parent," he said. "Kids today would enjoy sports more if the parents would pull back a little bit. If everybody would relax and have fun, the best would produce."

Mr. Bassi, a resident of Welland, applied at Niagara College 11 years ago after hearing that the college was looking for an athletic assistant who had some experience in hockey.

"Me coaching hockey was part of the agreement," he said.

He fit these qualifications perfectly as he is a graduate of Boston University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation and played hockey in the eastern hockey league during 1967-68.



FRED BASSI

Although Mr. Bassi enjoys coaching hockey, another sport ranks high on his list — boxing.

"I boxed when I was younger in Boston," he said. "I had the urge to fight again over four years ago so I started it again. If I had a choice to watch boxing or another sport, I would watch boxing."

As he has 37 amateur fights to his credit, it's obvious that boxing was not just something he did in his spare time.

Like any coach, Mr. Bassi likes to see his team win, but the first thing he likes to see is for the team to be "unified."

"Unity is the start of building a good hockey team," he said. "If the team doesn't get along, then coaching becomes more like work. If you have unity, you get more across to the players."

He said that at every team practice he notices that the team is "happy to be there."

Having enjoyed the season so far with his hockey team, Mr. Bassi said he's "looking forward to the rest of the season."

"I'm happy with the team's playing," he said. "This is our third year in the playoffs and we're looking to grab the title."

He said the team showed a "vast improvement" in its first two games this term.

"Our last two games were very satisfying. We beat two teams from the Ontario Cllegiate Athletic Association (OCAA). It was nice to beat them."

As in any sport, "the more you play together as a team, the better you play," Mr. Bassi said. "As the year went on, the team started to jell."

"Defensively we're getting better," he said. "The defence is starting to play as a unit and the forwards are starting to come back to help them out."

He said the team has scored 31 goals so far this year, six of which have come from the points.

Rewarding

"We've had good goaltending by Don Nadeau."

Every job has advantages and disadvantages and Mr. Bassi's is no different.

One advantage, the most important, is he finds his work "rewarding."

"I'm working with young people all the time in an area that I really enjoy — fitness. When I see a team jell, it's rewarding."

Mr. Bassi summed up the disadvantages of his coaching job by saying: "I wish we didn't have to practice late on Monday nights and I wish we could practise one more night."

Won Regionals

"All our home games are mostly on Saturday nights so those nights are all hockey."

Mr. Bassi used to coach Niagara's tennis team but this year has devoted most of his time to touch football, hockey and intramurals.

"Coaching touch football was very enjoyable," he said, "We won the regionals. It's always nice to beat Mohawk. People think we're not as good because we come from a small city, so it's nice to beat a big city."

Mr. Bassi is a long-time fan of the Montreal Canadiens.

"I've been a fan of the Canadiens since I was five years old when I saw them on television."

He enjoys just about all contact sports — football, hockey and boxing.

"I like to attend baseball games but I don't like to watch it on television."

Mr. Bassi runs a bit each day and works on strengthening his muscles.

"If you had a choice to do one exercise, jog a bit each day. It's good for you."

While devoting a lot of time to Niagara College, Mr. Bassi does find time for his "biggest hobby — relaxing."

"I enjoy my vacation time. I like to sit down with old friends and talk. I enjoy taking my wife out for dinner."

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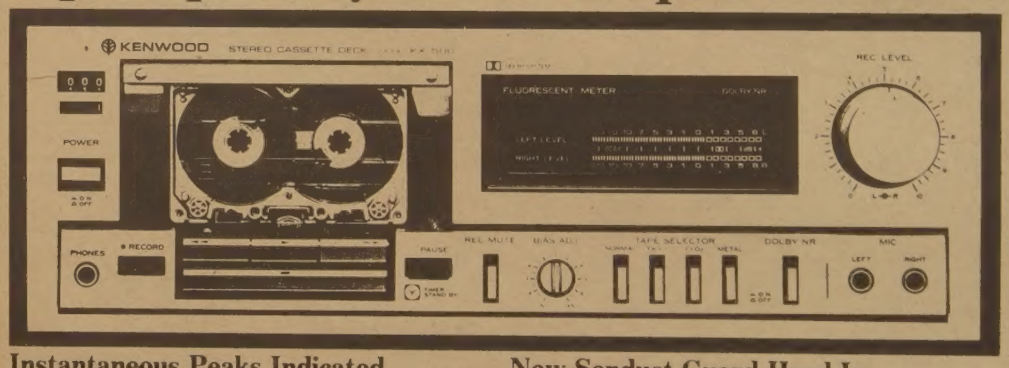

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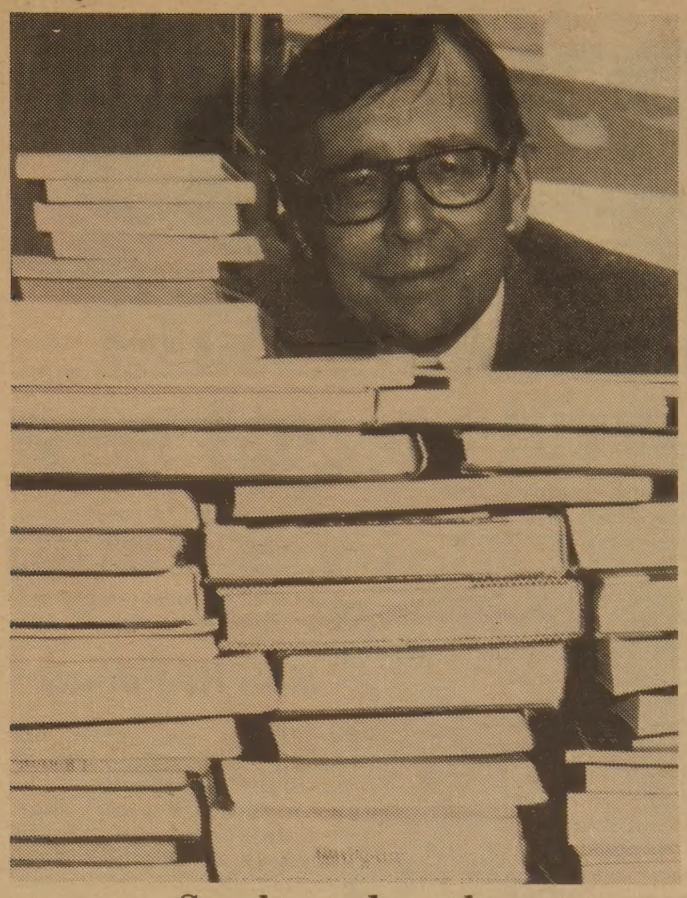

Stacks and stacks

Chief librarian Stephen Kees overlooks some of more than 500 books the Learning Resource Centre has ready for sale. The resource centre's second sale will be held on Feb. 5 in the Tecumseh foyer.
(Photo by Payne)

Students react to tuition fee

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BONNIE PAWLICK

Bonnie Pawlick, 17, first-year general business: It's not good for me; I come from St. Catharines and with travelling it's going to be even more expensive.

Cathie Bruno, 18, journalism: I wouldn't mind if I knew what it was going to. I would love to know what I'm paying this tuition fee for.

MIKE AVETISSIAN

Mike Avetissian, 20, personnel management and industrial relations: I think the 10 per cent increase could only be justified if this increase were to be allocated to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) for such things as a full-time pub and a residence.

Monica Taggart, 18, data processing: It's going to make it difficult with buying books, food, clothing, the necessities.

Sandy Perez, 18, general business: I don't think it's very fair. Some students may not be able to afford it.

BRENDA EPP

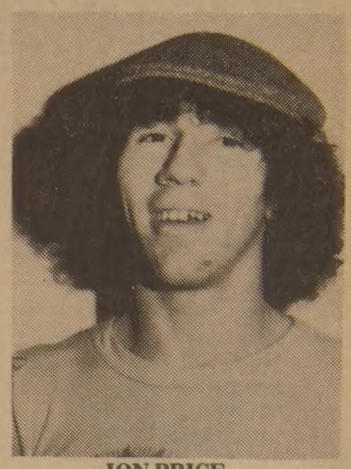
Brenda Epp, 18, first-year theatre arts: Basically we can't do any thing about it, if it goes up, it goes up. My parents pay.

Michelle Smith, 18, bilingual secretary: It will affect me terribly, it's a little ridiculous.

Susie Lubbertz, 19, general business: It could break me, but it won't stop me from coming back to school.

Steve Mely, 20, first-year engineering technology: It won't bother me. I'll make enough over the summer. I pay myself to come through here.

Nancy Taylor, 19, first-year secretarial: Yes. I applied for a loan this year and I had enough



JON PRICE

Jon Price, 21, second-year theatre arts: I think it's kind of ridiculous, it's going to be expensive for those on grants or loans. College is expensive enough as it is, you don't have to raise the tuition any more.

MILENA VOLPATTI

Milena Volpatti, 18, first-year human relations: I don't want a raise in tuition fees, it's enough as it is, but I guess it can be expected.

Jim Hayden, 23, radio/ television: It won't affect me at all because I'm sponsored by workman's compensation, but I can see how it will affect others.

Going, going, gone...

The Steal-a-Book program is losing its books. Racks throughout the college that were laden with books donated to the program in September now contain only a few.

Steal-a-Book is a program started about seven years ago to give students an opportunity to exchange books they enjoyed reading, English instructor Gary Webb said.

Mr. Webb said it happens every year.

"It's a great program and it's great that people are reading the books, but if some people could return them so that they could be recirculated."

Establishes

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The province will also greatly expand the budget of the existing Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) program. "This program enables firms to retrain employees where skills have been made redundant by changes in technology, and thereby avert layoffs as well as keeping skills current."

Though apprentices and trainees are subject to layoff, and training programs are sometimes suspended during economic down turns, "Ontario believes that skill training programs in industry should be maintained during periods of business slowdown."

The province believes the performance of educational institutions can be improved "by achieving a closer link to the needs of industry and of other large employers, including government."

New funds will be made available to universities and community colleges which develop joint programs with the public and private sectors to upgrade management skills, and thereby increase the availability of scarce management resources to industry and government.

"Special support will be provided to post-secondary institutions to mount continuing education programs to retrain employees declared redundant (eg. teachers) for employment in the private sector."

In addition, the province will expand its own apprenticeship training program within the Ontario public service by creating a minimum of 100 new apprenticeship positions over the next three years.